

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 13 are amended.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 4-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,117,282 to Salatino. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 13 recite that the second portion has such a shape that when the interconnect substrate is folded only at one boundary of the first and second portions, the second portion is superposed on and inside the first portion except the end parts and is positioned between the end parts.

Furthermore, when the interconnect substrate is folded only at one boundary of the first and second portions, the second portion does not project from the first portion because the second portion is superposed inside the first portion; and when the interconnect substrate is folded only at one boundary of the first and second portions, the second portion is positioned between the end parts.

As shown in Fig. 4 of Salatino, the substrate is folded at a boundary of the first and second portions, and the first portion 21 is also folded to superpose the second portion on the first portion. Salatino fails to disclose that the second portion can be superposed inside the first portion when the interconnect substrate is folded only at one boundary of the first and second portions.

Finally, Salatino does not disclose end parts but discloses only one end part 25. Therefore it fails to disclose the second portion positioned between the end parts.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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